



INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

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IRT Delivers Joint Training Value in Louisiana Communities

From August 1 to 14, the Air Force Reserve partnered with the Delta Regional Authority to offer no-cost healthcare services to the underserved communities of Monroe and West Monroe, Louisiana. Supported by the Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Active Duty Navy, and the Air National Guard, 157 Service Members provided no-cost medical, dental, optometry, and behavioral health screenings.



An Army dentist and dental assistant prepare dental equipment during the Monroe/West Monroe Wellness Mission.

Service Members received a minimum of 31,296 real-world total training hours during the joint services medical mission. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines accomplished 19,761 training task requirements while simultaneously providing no-cost care to 1,240 patients at the Monroe Civic Center and West Monroe Convention Center. The mission delivered an estimated \$862,729 in healthcare benefits to the communities, including 4,244 healthcare procedures and manufacture and distribution of 576 eyeglasses. The Marines supported the mission by mitigating cohesive communications at various mission locations, using high-frequency and very high-frequency antennas while maintaining radio watch on all controlled cryptographic items and experimenting with field expedient antennas.

IRT increases deployment readiness while delivering joint training opportunities through key healthcare, construction, transportation, and cybersecurity services for American communities. To learn more about the program, connect with us on social media, and apply for your own civil-military partnership, visit irt.defense.gov.

DEFEND THE NATION

IRT provides hands-on, real-world training to improve readiness and survivability in complex contingency environments

SUCCEED THROUGH TEAMWORK

IRT is a collaborative program that leverages military contributions and community resources to multiply value and cost savings for participants

TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE

IRT strengthens and builds partnerships, while providing key services for American communities utilizing joint training operations

IRT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

- Civil-Military Partnerships
- Joint Mission Planning
- Medical Training

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Colonel Jaclyn Chatwick, Director
- Colonel George Koklanaris, Deputy Director
- Major Christopher Brown, Operations Officer
- Chief Master Sergeant Alexander Wilson, Superintendent

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Daryl Fortenberry Jr.
Community Relations Liaison,
City of Monroe



“I am so thankful to witness the transformative power of teamwork, communication, and dedicated service from our U.S. military. It’s a testament to how our military is using quality training to bring essential medical care to communities in dire need across the United States.”

IRT Leaders and staff are closely monitoring the COVID-19 public health situation. We provide updated information on our website concerning its effect on our FY 2023 missions. Please check irt.defense.gov regularly for the latest information on the IRT program.



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OSD STAFF HIGHLIGHT

MAJOR SAMANTHA MADSEN
ARMY/ARMY RESERVE, IRT MCS



I absolutely love being part of this program! IRT does such great things for communities while providing an opportunity for military units to train. What makes IRT such a great experience is working directly with the U.S. population. Seeing the joy and gratitude from someone receiving prescription eyeglasses they otherwise could not afford, or someone receiving dental treatment for an issue that's gone on for months, it's a reward and feeling like no other. To be part of a program that lifts communities up is a pivotal and altruistic moment in a Service Member's life.

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

GYSGT LEONEL RIVAS
MARINE CORPS RESERVE DEPUTY PM



In my 18 years in the Marine Corps, the IRT program has been, without question, the best and most rewarding assignment I have been a part of. Providing Service Members with various venues where they can refine and showcase their skills while simultaneously aiding local communities, gives my Marines a sense of duty and pride. There is nothing more motivating than Marines eager to train yelling "I just want to serve my country!" My Marines and I relish helping the nation one mission at a time and growing the IRT program. Semper Fidelis!

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Sep 6: Catwalk Bridge Mission Start
- Sep 8: Santa Cruz Island Reserve DV Day
- Sep 9: Cherokee Veterans Housing Initiative Mission End
- Sep 14: Catwalk Bridge DV Day
- Sep 14: KEMA Emergency Operations Plan DV Day
- Sep 14: KEMA Emergency Shelter Survey DV Day
- Sep 15: Catwalk Bridge Mission End
- Sep 15: Camp ToPeNeBee Storm Shelter Mission End
- Sep 18: Proyecto Restableciendo el Aeropuerto de Ceiba Mission End
- Sep 20: Outdoor Odyssey Leadership Academy DV Day
- Sep 22: Outdoor Odyssey Leadership Academy Mission End
- Sep 30: 365 Health Supply Delivery 2023 Mission End
- Sep 30: KEMA Emergency Operations Plan Mission End
- Sep 30: KEMA Emergency Shelter Survey Mission End
- Sep 30: Manchester Public School Oral Health Mission End
- Sep 30: NH Silver Brook 2023 Mission End
- Sep 30: Ford Island Hangar 79 DV Day

More information on missions at:



FY 2023 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

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